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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People All Over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstone and Gone to Other States.

DIALS NEWS.

Dials, Aug. 16.—The series of services that have been in progress here came to a close Friday evening, with some fifteen additions to the church. The Rev. Mr. Creech of Duncan was in charge of the preaching. Mr. Creech is a devout and earnest minister of the gospel, one who faithfully transmits his message, whether men hear or whether they forbear. The pastor was unavoidably absent at a convention two days of the meeting. On his return however, he gave able assistance and his presence was a benediction to all. The new members will be baptized and received in the full fellowship of the church on next Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lilly Willis of Gray Court, spent several days last week with her cousin, Miss Ostell Willis.

Miss Lole Cooper has returned to her home in Anderson, after visiting Miss Willie May Godfrey.

Misses Nell and Clara McCall has as their guest Miss Marie McCall of Ware Shoals.

Mrs. Nancy Martin and Mrs. Russell Patterson of Lanford, visited Mr. D. D. Harris and family last week.

Mrs. Irving and children, who have been visiting Mr. John Godfrey and family, have returned to their home in Tuxedo, N. C. They were accompanied home by Miss Irene Godfrey and Miss Henderson, who will visit for some time in Tuxedo.

Mrs. Lou Jones of Greenwood, visited Mrs. H. Y. Simmons and family last week.

Mrs. J. T. Gillespie and children, J. T. and Bonnie, of Greenville, spent last week with Mr. Harris Curry and family.

Misses Ollie and Eunice Davenport of Belton are the guests of Miss Theresa Darby and other relatives here.

Misses Minnie and Lula McDowell of Fountain Inn, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. States Curry.

Messrs W. L. Brooks and Ambrose Holder, and Sloan Mahon of Rabun spent several days in the mountains last week, making the trip in Mr. Brooks' car.

Miss Sims of the Princeton community, visited Miss Clare Campbell last week.

Mr. D. D. Brownlee had as his guest last week, Mr. Willie Abercrombie of Hendersonville.

Miss Dounce Hellams of Greenville is visiting Miss Laurie Hellams now.

Mr. Barney Bolt of Greenville, has returned to his home after a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brownlee.

Miss Jewell Curry had as her guest Wednesday night Miss Marie Curry.

Miss Long of the "Mountain City", is visiting her grandfather Mr. M. V. Holder at the home of Mr. J. S. Holder.

Rev. Blackwell of Eufaula, Ala., is at the home of Mr. W. C. Curry for a short while. On his return to Alabama he will be accompanied by Mrs. Blackwell and Miss Martha May, and Master Dick, who have been spending the summer with Mrs. Blackwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Curry.

Miss Dewey Armstrong has as her guests last week, Misses Jennie Belle Watkins of Rabun, and Leila Abercrombie of Woodruff.

TYLERSVILLE NEWS.

Tylersville, Aug. 16.—Our community was greatly grieved Sunday morning when the sad news of the death of Mr. Lewis S. Machray was received. He had been suffering for some time with a trouble on his neck and last week he was carried to the hospital at Laurens for treatment. He died at four o'clock Sunday morning and was brought out to his home. His remains were laid to rest in the Bethany cemetery. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community in these hours of sorrow.

Misses Grace and Fannie Poole

LEON M. FRANK LYNCHED YESTERDAY

Taken From Prison by Mob and Hung to Tree in Sight of Mary Phagan's Former Home.

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—A mob of about twenty-five men overpowered the authorities of the state prison at Milledgeville last night and took Leo M. Frank from the prison. He was carried nearly one hundred miles to almost in sight of the former home of Mary Phagan, the girl he was convicted of murdering and hanged to a tree. He was not shot, though a farmer reported that he heard some loud talking and several shots. Frank was clothed only in prison trousers and was barefooted. Information in regard to the hanging is very scarce thought it is generally believed that he was lynched about daylight. Up to the present time no trace can be had of the members of the mob though officers are scouring the country for many miles around the scene of the lynching. Much interest has been aroused by the persistent rumor that Frank left a statement before being hung but at present nothing of a definite nature has been learned.

Body Still Hanging.

At eleven-thirty this morning the body was still hanging and the rapid spread of the news brought hundreds from far and near to view the body. In the crowd of the curious were many women and children.

spent Thursday with Mrs. Mattie Clark and family.

Miss Velma Cely of Piedmont is the guest of Miss Lillie Peterson.

Miss Mattie Sloan spent the weekend with friends on Pee Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright have been visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

Mr. Lawrence Poole spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donnan and Miss Mary Price Donnan, all of Asheville, N. C., are visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Misses Grace and Fannie Poole visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holland and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cooper last Friday.

Miss Inez Myers spent Friday with Mrs. Mattie Clark and family.

Quite a number of people from this community attended the Quarterly Conference at Leesville Saturday.

Mr. Hugh Myers spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole and family.

Mr. Niles Clark is at home this week spending his vacation.

Don't forget the soldiers' reunion at Langston church Thursday, Aug. 19. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

We are glad to see Miss Lydia Peterson and brother, William in the neighborhood to spend their vacation with friends and relatives.

Mr. T. P. Poole spent last week in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. F. L. Cooper and children and Miss Isabel Compton spent Friday with Mrs. Mattie Clark and family.

MADDER NEWS.

Madden, Aug. 16.—We are all feeling better. The long deferred rains have fallen and things have taken on new life. Corn that looked like it was past all aid has straightened up and looks green and fresh and that "hog and hominy dream" will come true.

There is to be a home coming day at New Prospect, August 28, the 5th Saturday. We want all those who used to claim Prospect as home, all who were ever members there, all who are now members, all who have loved ones that are sleeping their last long sleep in the cemetery hard by, to come back and mingle with the folks and scenes of other days—"to see the faces of them that's living and the graves of them that's dead."

Fry you a chicken and bake some apple pies and come on. Bro. Pitts is to preach for us if he gets here. Bob Cooper is to speak and we are all looking forward to a good day. Forget the war and whether we will get anything for cotton or not, and come back to spend one more day at New Prospect!

Uncle Tom is pulling his beard and getting his tenor down fine. It may be he'll sing a solo, so don't miss that.

It will be sad news to a large circle of friends to know that Aunt May, Mrs. M. T. Allison, has been quite sick. She is thought to be better at this

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STRONG SPEAKERS TO CANVASS STATE

Gov. Hanly and Oliver Stewart of Flying Squadron to Return for Campaign. In Laurens August 24th.

Columbia, S. C. Aug. 11.—The executive committee of the steering committee of the prohibition cause announce that they will have in the campaign in this State the services of two of the most distinguished speakers of the flying squadron which visited this State last February, speaking at Columbia, Orangeburg and Charleston.

Oliver W. Stewart of this squadron will begin a tour of this State in behalf of Statewide prohibition August 23, and on September 1, he will be joined by Gov. Hanly, with his singer and musician. This will complete the third group of the flying squadron, and they together will canvass the State up to and including September 10, speaking twice daily, at all of the most available points. At least 40 towns and cities are to be visited.—The State.

Laurens is to be one of the 40 places and the citizens are to be congratulated on being able to have Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, here Aug. 24, Tuesday, 8 p. m., in the First Baptist church. Mr. Stewart is one of the greatest speakers on the American platform. The committee in charge have arranged for the lecture to be free. All are invited.

HOME COMING AT PROSPECT.

Saturday, August 28th Has Been Selected as "Home Coming Day".

"Back to Prospect" is to be the watchword for the next two weeks for all those who have learned to love the old home church. On Saturday, August 28, the doors of Prospect will be opened to everybody, to her members at present, to her old members who have moved away, to those who are not members but who know Prospect through her annual Children's Day, and to those who perhaps have never yet attended Prospect. In fact, everybody is invited. It is hoped that many people will take advantage of this occasion to mingle with old friends, to make new ones, and to recall experiences of by-gone days. Those in charge are hoping to have with them for the home-coming address, the Rev. J. D. Pitts, who was pastor here for a long time and is much beloved by the Prospect folks. Hon. R. A. Cooper has also been secured to make an address and it is probable that other speakers will be on hand.

Picnic dinner will be served on the grounds and refreshments will be sold throughout the day by the young ladies of the Alva Langston Sunbeam band. So begin now to plan your work, leave one day free to come back home, and spend August 28th at Prospect.

DEATH OF L. S. MACHRAY.

Prominent Citizen of the Tylersville Section Passed Away Last Sunday Morning.

Lewis S. Machray passed away last Sunday morning at four o'clock in the City Sanitarium here. He was brought to the hospital here from his home in Tylersville, this county, the early part of last week suffering very much from a carbuncle on his neck. From the time of his arrival at the hospital it was evident that his condition was most serious and that the chances for his recovery were against him. Sunday morning at four o'clock he died after suffering greatly for days. The body was carried to his home and on Monday was laid to rest in the cemetery of Bethany Presbyterian church, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. Many beautiful flowers bore testimony to the popularity of the deceased.

Mr. Machray spent most of his life as a planter in this county though he was born in Scotland. When a boy he came to this country with his father and mother. By hard work he obtained a good education and for several years he taught school in the Tylersville section. He was about sixty years of age and was never married. His life was one of sobriety and industry and always he held the esteem and admiration of his neighbors.

Messrs. Frank and Bill Crisp, who are now making their home in Jacksonville, Fla., are spending awhile here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Crisp.

ALLIES DECLARE COTTON CONTRABAND

Delay Due to Necessity of Arranging Uniform Treatment by all Countries Involved—United States Prepared to Resist Change in Status.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The allies' intention to declare cotton contraband has been communicated unofficially but authoritatively to the state department. The department's advice are that the decision had been reached and the delay in making an announcement is due to the necessity of arranging uniform treatment by all of the allies.

The step has been agreed upon by Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Belgium, but Japan's attitude has not been defined and she may decide that no action is called for from her at this time, because of the elimination of the only German colony in the Far East from the military problem and the absence of any reason for a blockade.

Ever since the application of the British orders in council to cotton, among other American products, the entente allies have felt that some more effective and less burdensome method must be found for dealing with cotton and preventing its entry into Germany and Austria. The allies contend that American shippers, in many cases, alleged to be backed by German capital, have been shipping cotton to Germany through neutral ports.

Under the orders in council such a cargo, if captured, merely was taken into a British port and paid for by the British government. The allies contend that under these conditions a great deal of the cotton got through Sweden, Denmark and Holland into Germany. From the allies' point of view the orders in council were ineffective because they obliged the British government to buy cotton and at the same time offered as incentive to blockade runners.

According to the advice reaching Washington, the pressure in England and France has compelled a change. The British government originally regarded cotton as non-contraband and expressed a desire to avoid inflicting hardship upon Southern planters and to avoid development of anti-British feeling in this country.

The change to contraband will be defended as authorized by international law. Great Britain protested against the American blockade of outgoing cotton from the South during the War of Secession and had refused to recognize it as contraband during the Russo-Japanese war, but will now contend that radical changes in the conditions of warfare since that time justify a change in attitude.

The entente powers, according to advice here, expect that the state department will resist making cotton contraband and are preparing to base their action on American precedents. The advice reaching here indicate they intend to argue that both Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, in formal proclamations issued in April, May and June, 1865, went on record as maintaining as contraband of war "materials for the fabrication of ammunition."

That cotton has taken the place of saltpetre, always recognized as absolute contraband, in the manufacture of gunpowder, will be held to be an established fact. By way of convincing the state department to that effect, attention probably will be directed to a letter by Secretary Hay to W. W. Rockhill, American minister to China, during the Russo-Japanese war, stating that the American ordinance officers, whom he had called into consultation regarding the Japanese blockade orders, had advised him that cotton was used in the manufacture of smokeless powder and so must properly be regarded as contraband of war.

It is expected that some sort of an arrangement will be proposed by which the allies will engage to allow cotton to travel unmolested to neutral countries in quantities in proportion to their normal consumption. What the effect will be on the American cotton growers is the subject of contention. The allied powers are prepared to argue that it will not be far-reaching.

The cotton interests have for some time been alarmed at the prospect and it is known that the state department has been preparing to resist the new move with every means at the command of diplomacy.

CITY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. SIXTH

Other Important Facts Announced in Letter From Supt. B. L. Parkinson.

According to an announcement received yesterday from Supt. B. L. Parkinson the City Graded Schools will open for the next session on Monday Sept. 6th. New pupils who are trying for higher grades are expected to assemble at the school house on Sept. 1st. The following is the full text of the notice as sent in by Mr. Parkinson:

"The City School will open on the morning of September sixth at nine o'clock. On the morning of September first at ten o'clock, all pupils who have never attended the graded school and wish to enter a grade higher than the first will find the superintendent in his office where he will classify all new pupils. It is to the new pupil's advantage to be classified on September first rather than September sixth.

Pupils who wish to take examination to remove 'conditions' will be given these examinations from ten until twelve o'clock on September second. All pupils who studied and took examinations during the summer should consult the superintendent about their classification on the morning of September third at ten o'clock. Text books will be on sale at Powe Drug Co. after September first. If a pupil is sure of his classification, it is to his advantage to buy his books before school opens."

Supt. and Mrs. Parkinson have been spending most of the summer at Unaka Springs, Tenn., and are expected to return home within the next week. In his letter to The Advertiser, Mr. Parkinson stated that in all probability he is going to be able to obtain a sufficient number of rifles from the government to institute military training among the boys of the high school.

FARMERS' UNION MEETINGS.

McLaurin and Harris Will Address Farmers Here Next Saturday.

The executive committee of the State Farmers' union has arranged for a series of meetings for the farmers in the Piedmont section of the state to be addressed by John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, who will explain the State warehouse system. The meetings will also be addressed by B. Harris, member of the State Farmers' union executive committee, on "How to Solve the Farmers' Problems." The meeting will be open to the public and all farmers and business men are invited to attend. The Laurens meeting will be next Friday the 20th, and will be held in the court house beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Return From Mountains.

Mrs. S. D. Childress, Miss Fannie Boulware, Misses Annie, Lucy and Nell Childress, and Messrs. Dick, Fowler and Dave Childress, Joe Smith, Roy Little, Jack McCravy composed a party of Laurens people who spent the past ten days in the various summer resorts of the North Carolina mountains. They returned home last Friday and report a most delightful trip. The culinary department was handled by Mr. Jack Kennedy.

Left For Mountains.

Messrs. John Henry Powe, Bub Gilkerson, Alison Lee, one mattress, one small suitcase, six pistols, four rifles, two blankets, two coats, no snakebite medicine and others left last Wednesday for an extended tour of the mountains of Asheville. They were joined the next day by Mr. Ed Martin and seven or eight thrilling experiences. They hope to return the latter part of this week, after which they may take a short vacation.

Escaped Convict Caught.

George Woodruff, who is one of the two negroes who escaped from the county gang last week, was captured last Friday over in Greenville county by Deputy Sims of that county. He was brought to Laurens Friday evening and placed back on the job.

In Complement to Miss McGee.

A most delightful event of the social season was the charming party given last Monday evening by Mrs. John Bolt in honor of his sister, Miss Pricie McGee. The guests enjoyed themselves for some time with progressive conversation after which they were served delicious ice cream and cake.

CONFERENCES FOR COMMON GOOD

Held in Several Places Over this County

PRODUCTIVE OF
MUCH GOOD

Following the County Conference for Common Good Six District Conferences Were Held Over This County. J. D. W. Watts, Luceo Gunter, H. B. Humbert and Supt. James Sullivan Made Interesting and Illuminative Talks.

Following the County Conference for Common Good held at Holmes Spring Saturday, August 7th, successful conferences were held in six townships as follows:

Dials, at Gray Court-Owings, Monday.

Youngs at Wallace's Lodge, Tuesday. Sullivan at Poplar Springs, Wednesday.

Waterloo at Waterloo, Thursday. Cross Hill at Souls Chapel, Friday. Hunter at Mountville, Saturday.

The meetings were fairly well attended. At each of these conferences Mr. J. D. W. Watts, county farm demonstrator, Mr. H. B. Humbert, county supervisor, Mr. Luceo Gunter, state rural supervisor and Mr. James H. Sullivan, county superintendent of education, spoke.

Mr. Watts talked on soil building, emphasizing the importance of planting legumes and filling our soils full of humus. He stated that it would pay the farmers to turn under their pea vines instead of cutting them off. He advocated live stock raising in South Carolina only as an economic means of producing cotton.

Mr. H. B. Humbert emphasized the cost of transportation, stating that most farmers do not realize how much it is costing them to market their crops. He contrasted the load that one mule could haul over improved roads and what one could do over unimproved. The farmers are paying \$300 per pair for mules to be broken down pulling through mud. He left them to think over the question, is it cheaper to pay for good roads or continue to pay the high cost of transportation for your crops.

Mr. Luceo Gunter held up an ideal school system. He advocated the elimination where possible of the one-teacher school, showing that the work could not be done by one teacher in the length of time given for each recitation. He advocated the organization of two and three teacher rural graded schools around a central high school. The graded schools preparing the boys and girls in the elementary grades and then the high school preparing them in the high school work.

Mr. Sullivan spoke of the irregularity of attendance, showing that not only the child who missed but the one who attended lost. He begged the patrons to cooperate with the teachers in securing thoroughness. He made a plea for compulsory education showing that it would give a better average attendance even where all the children were enrolled.

Supt. Sullivan stated yesterday that the conferences were very successful and that he had high hopes of their productivity of good results. Several more are scheduled to be held in the near future.

Sold in A Furry.

The Laurens Motor Car Company made a record last week for speedy car-selling. Saturday morning at eleven o'clock they received a shipment of three Oakland Sixes and at eleven fifteen and one half they were all sold and needed more to fill the orders. The sales were made to Mr. C. D. Martin of Greenville, Mr. R. E. Daniel of Spartanburg, and Dr. Badenbaugh of Newberry.

Carried to Hospital.

Mr. E. Ross Power, postmaster and depot agent at Barksdale, was carried to a hospital in Greenville last Sunday for an operation. He was operated on yesterday but up until the time of going to press with The Advertiser no news has come as to the success of the operation. His hundreds of friends throughout the county hope for him a successful operation and speedy recovery.